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Sunday, January 21, 2024 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule @ Main Church

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm

Sunday Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

*Confessions, Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm or
anytime by appointment*

Weekday Morning Mass

Monday - Friday

8:30 am @ MAIN CHURCH

Monday 8:30 am Mass

with Miraculous Medal Novena

Served By:

Rev. James Ferry, Pastor

Rev. James N. Chern, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Robert K. Suszko, Weekend Assistant

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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Sacrament of Confirmation (Grades 7-12)

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Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

Sacrament of the Sick

Administered in an emergency at any time. Please call RECTORY when someone is ill or admitted to the hospital.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to make their arrangements one year in advance of their wedding. Please call RECTORY for an appointment with a priest.

First Friday

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1st Friday Adoration during the “Fall” months of September, October, November and December and the “Spring” months of March, April, May and June.

Peace and Good Corner Gift Shop

Religious articles, books and cards are available for purchase inside the church before and after all Masses or by appointment. Contact RECTORY.

New Parishioners

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please register at RECTORY or call for registration forms.

MISSION STATEMENT *The people of God in West Orange were called by the Holy Spirit in 1914 to form Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a community centered on Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit remains with us today as we continue our journey to God. We are inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, called to respect life and proclaim our Catholic faith. We serve God by providing spiritual, educational, and social activities for our parish family as well as extending God's love and compassion to serve the greater community.*



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes:

I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about the Gospel this Sunday:

(Source: <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/detachment-from-the-world/>)

DETACHMENT - THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP (Author: Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio)

There is a cost of discipleship — Jesus sometimes calls us to leave behind professions, friends, and even family. Does that mean that work and human relationships are at odds with growing in our relationship with God? The concept of detachment can help us understand this problem.

Peter and Andrew were businessmen. So were their neighbors, James and John. They tried to wring a living out of the Sea of Galilee, and it probably took nearly all of the time and energy that they had.

So it would have been easy to pass on the chance to hear some new prophet proclaim that the Kingdom of God had finally arrived. And then, having heard this message, they could have rolled their eyes and chuckled about how they hoped this Kingdom would put more fish in the lake. Or they could have made excuses that this was all very interesting, but following the wandering rabbi from Nazareth was more suitable for single men with no mouths to feed.

DISCIPLESHIP MEANS DETACHMENT

No, when Jesus invited them to become his disciples and learn to catch men instead of fish, they dropped their nets, abandoned their business, and went on the road.

Is it wrong to have a family? Is it wrong to be in business? Are these secular activities inappropriate for a disciple of Jesus?

Not in the least. The Church teaches that we can serve the Lord and grow in holiness through any honest task, whether we are single or married. But St. Paul also tells us that the Christian engaged in secular activities must inwardly detach themselves from these pursuits and relationships: “Those who have wives should live as though they have none . . . buyers should conduct themselves as if they owned nothing, and those who make use of the world as though they were not using it, for the world as we know it is passing away.” (I Cor. 7:29-31)

COST OF DISCIPLESHIP, NOT CHEAP GRACE

This also illuminates what Jesus means by some very tough words: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Mat. 10:37).

Yes, there is a cost to discipleship. An intimate relationship with God in Jesus Christ is a pure gift of grace. But grace, as pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminds us, doesn't come cheap.

The word “secular” means “of this world.” Now it is true that God likes this world. After all, he created it. But when sinful humanity gets a hold of the things of this passing world, it doesn't want to let go. It becomes engrossed, absorbed, consumed with it to the neglect of what lasts forever, namely the Kingdom of God.

KINGDOM PRIORITIES

In Jesus, the Kingdom has touched down on planet Earth. We need to re-form our lives, which is not only to say repent from sin, but actually re-structure our lives around the Kingdom and its priorities.

Kingdom priorities might dictate that some enter into the sacrament of matrimony in order to raise up new heralds of the Kingdom and leaders of God's people. Christ may call others to involve themselves in business to provide financially for God's work and to infuse Christian values into the marketplace.

Detachment does not mean that you shouldn't enjoy your secular pursuits and approach them with energy and enthusiasm. It just means that your possessions, your relationships and all your daily activities must be placed on the altar, offered up to God as a living sacrifice. And you must be ever ready to walk away from everything at a moment's notice, should Jesus call you to do so.

Moments of truth will come to test just how serious we are about living for God rather than for sports, careers, and even families.

GOD BEFORE FAMILY

Yes families!

There are times when duty calls soldiers to leave their families. The same holds true for breadwinners—my great-grandfather left family behind in Italy for several years while he prepared a better place for them in America. So why should we be surprised that, at times, some may be called to leave family for the sake of the Kingdom of God?

We may not be called literally to leave all behind to walk the dusty trails of Israel. But there will come a moment when we may hear an invitation to decline a scholarship, a promotion, or a romance for the sake of the Kingdom.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES - JANUARY 21, 2024



SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY 5:30 pm Nancy Lynch
SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Vir-Jean Ann Ward
MONDAY, 22 JANUARY 8:30 am Sr. Mary Louise Oddi
TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY 8:30 am Luigi Russo
WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 8:30 am JoAnne Chiamonte
THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 8:30 am Mary Theresa Christoforo
FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY 8:30 am Mary Theresa Christoforo
SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY 5:30 pm Bud & Nancy Moore
SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Deceased Members of the Pflug & Napolitano Families 11:30 am Marion Alexander

SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 10:30 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Mass
MONDAY, 22 JANUARY 8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church. Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday. 6:30—7:30 pm 1st Penance/Comm Gr.6-12
THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Feb 5th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-0110. 6—8:00 pm Choir Practice (OLLC)
SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY 4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church 5:30 pm Mass in Church
SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 9:30—11:45 am Gr. 7-12 (OLLC, HALL) 10:30 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Mass



++ WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE		JAN 27 - JAN 28, 2023			
Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore Eileen Reilly (Choir)			
7:30 am	Mary Cassels	Patricia Saway			
9:30 am Choir	Kathy Petrillo	Annette Chiamonte Joe Petrillo (Choir)			
11:30 am	Carmelita Dizon	Eileen Reilly			



Please Note: Our Prayer List is now being renewed

If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.

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As the gospel story unfolds, we learn that the apostles have more than a few shortcomings. But we have to admit this—that when that initial call came, as challenging as it was, they made no excuses.

Can the same be said for us?

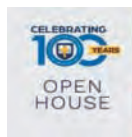
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In Christ's Peace,
Father Jim Ferry

Church Capital Investment Fund Raffle



January 6, 2024
\$500 winner of 1st Drawing:
Patrick Quinn
\$500 winner of 2nd Drawing:
Linda Sue Galate



Sunday, January 28th from 1:00—3:00 pm

Our Lady of the Lake School will host an **OPEN HOUSE** at the school for prospective families.

This is a fabulous opportunity to tour the school, classrooms and meet the outstanding teachers, Principal and students that have made Our Lady of the Lake School a two-time National Blue Ribbon School.

Student Visitation Days Starting Wednesday January 31, 2024: OLL School will also host multiple visitation days for pre-school and grade school children, the first visitation day for grade school students is **Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024**. Parents are welcome to contact the school for additional dates or for information for Pre-K.

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PARISH GIVING

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Collection*: Jan 6—Jan 7	\$ 2973
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*Includes Online Giving Weekly Average Deposit



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